



Happening's In the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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Post Tribune Praises Carter's Ongoing Efforts for Greater Accountability by East Chicago Second Century

The *Post Tribune* praised Attorney General Steve Carter for his efforts to usher in accountability and public scrutiny in the East Chicago Second Century case. Here is a sample of what they said:

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter suffered another setback last week in his quest to have the books of Second Century Inc. opened to the public.

Carter has vowed to appeal the decision of a Marion County judge. We appreciate Carter's determination on behalf of the people of East Chicago.

Despite the judge's ruling, we support Carter, who said: "I will continue to fight for transparency and integrity when funds intended for public benefit are in question. The aggressive defense against providing an accounting only raises more questions about how the money has been spent."

[State Still Focused on Second Century Cash](#)

Editorial, *Post-Tribune*, August 6, 2007

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Attorney General Carter Exceeds \$100 Million Goal of Returning Unclaimed Assets



January, 2009.

Carter has achieved his goal of returning \$100 million in unclaimed assets to their rightful owners a year and a half earlier than promised. In November 2005, Carter announced his goal of returning \$100 million in unclaimed assets during his second term which ends

"We are turning the tide of this once little-known division of state government called Unclaimed Property," Carter said. "By raising its profile and helping people search for their forgotten assets, I have reached my goal to return \$100 million."

Read the [article](#) from WTHR TV in Indianapolis.

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Attorney General Steve Carter Alerts Hoosiers of Massive Toy Recall

“A recall this massive involving the safety of our children deserves focused undivided attention.”

Attorney General Steve Carter is urging parents to check their children's toys in the wake of the Fisher-Price announcement recalling 1.5 million Chinese-made toys worldwide. Last week, Fisher-Price and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urged consumers to remove certain toys from their homes due to potentially dangerous lead poisoning hazards.

Consumers can view the list of toys by clicking [here](#).

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Richmond Area School Therapist Pleads Guilty to Theft and has paid \$15,000 for Defrauding the Indiana Medicaid Program

Richmond, Indiana child therapist Kari Lynn Van Buskirk has pleaded guilty to criminal conversion for defrauding the Medicaid program, and has paid \$15,347 in restitution announced Attorney General Steve Carter. Van Buskirk has been sentenced one year suspended sentence and one year probation.

“We uncovered a case where this person thought they could manipulate the system for personal gain, using services to children as a means to the end,” Carter said. “Cases like this showcase the need for patients to be sensitive and alert to the types of information their health care provider is using along with knowing what services are being submitted for reimbursement.”

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[Richmond psychotherapist pleads guilty to conversion](#), Richmond *Palladium-Item*, August 7, 2007.

Attorney General Steve Carter Seeks to Raise Awareness of Sex Offender Notification System

Indiana was one of the country's first states to notify citizens of registered sex offenders living and working in their neighborhoods



Hoosiers have received nearly 160,000 e-mail notifications of nearby sex offenders since the free program was implemented in 2006. The Criminal Alert Network (CAN) e-mail notification system was one of the first implemented in the country and syncs with the Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Indiana Sheriff's Association to provide real time updates for the public. The system also provides a mapping function which allows a person to note registered sex offenders in a designated area of up to 20 miles from a specific street address.

“As one of the first states to implement a notification system, we are hopeful that more people will sign up and take advantage of this free and easy to use service,” Attorney General Steve Carter said. “It's important to remind citizens to take the necessary precautions to keep their families safe.” [News release](#)

[E-mail provides Sex Offender Information](#), Northwest Indiana *Times*, August 8, 2007.